

L 10 a 3.4; two platoons under Lieutenants Sill and McLeod moved to Gaunt Farm A 28 a 1.9.

Under Lieutenant Ellicott at F 17 d 7.4, F-1 and the first section of F-2 were located. This detachment carried on the work on two jobs. A detail was engaged in building the Brigade Headquarters at Knollys Farm H 13 a 8.9, which was an elaborate bomb-proof shelter in a farm building. (See Plates XII, XIII, XIV, XV.) This required concrete work, concrete slabs, sand bagging and earth filling. Another detail was engaged in bomb proofing a cellar at A 21 a 0.8 for a battalion headquarters.

The second section of F-2, under Master Engineer Stockard at L 10 a 3.4, were busy constructing a concrete machine gun emplacement at L 10 a 2.4.

The two platoons F-3 and F-4 under Lieutenants Sill and McLeod worked on concrete machine gun emplacements and observation posts, pyramid shelters, deep dugouts, snipers' posts and on camouflage work. The work was similar to that done by the platoons of Companies D and E (outlined above), located at Gaunt Farm. Captain Seelye on July 18th took charge of the work on the West Poperinghe reserve trenches south of the Poperinghe-Proven road. Assisting him were twenty men from the company.

Engineer Train: The Train was located at Strathcona Camp July 11th, but on July 12th it was divided into two sections. One section under Lieutenant Neuer moved to Furze Camp while one section under Lieutenant Cline remained at Strathcona Camp. The two sections were kept in readiness at all times to move on short notice. They were also used for distributing tools to the Infantry and on the night of the expected enemy attack, July 17th, wagons with tools were placed at points selected by the Division Engineer; six wagons with two hundred shovels each were located, three at L 10 a 2.4 and three at F 18 c 8.6.

At the same time that Company B suffered in casualties two officers wounded on July 16th, the Train had one man, Sgt. Huffman,

killed and three others wounded, two of whom afterward died of wounds. They also had five horses killed and three others wounded so badly it was necessary to kill them afterward.

Headquarters Company: Headquarters Company, less a detail of the topographic section, which was with the Division Engineer's office at Watou, was at or near Strathcona Camp and were engaged in the regular duties.

JULY 24TH TO JULY 31ST

During this period the regiment was favored with fair and warm weather.

Regimental Headquarters were maintained at Strathcona Camp where headquarters of the Second Battalion was also established. July 24th was a general moving day for units of the regiment. The movements made and the work engaged in is best shown by units separately.

First Battalion

First Battalion Headquarters moved from Strathcona Camp to Furze Camp, the Battalion Transport also making the same move. The Commanding Officer of First Battalion took over from Commanding Officer Second Battalion the work the Second Battalion had been doing.

Company A: Company A took over from Company E the work it was doing; Captain Brooks relieved Captain Sullivan in charge of the work on the reserve trenches where Infantry were employed.

The first platoon (A-1) relieved the fourth platoon (E-4) on light railway work at Trois-Tours B 28 a 8.5 and carried on this work.

The second platoon (A-2) relieved the second platoon (E-2) of Company E at Gaunt Farm and carried on the work on pill boxes, observation posts, etc.

The third and fourth platoons (A-3 and A-4) relieved the two platoons (E-1 and E-3) at Furze Camp and continued the work on trench construction.